

REMARKS

Claims 74 and 75 remain pending. Claims 74 and 75 have been amended. No new claims have been added. All other claims remain unchanged. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone interview conducted on September 10, 2001.

Claims 74 and 75 have been amended as suggested. The claims now cover a method of using a corn meal (claim 74) or corn oil (claim 75) by including the corn meal or corn oil, respectively, in an animal feed or human food. Applicants respectfully submit that no new subject matter has been added and that the amended claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification and claims. Submitted herewith is a "Marked-Up Version of Claims" as amended and a "Clean Version of Claims" as amended. Deleted text is denoted as bracketed strike-through text. Added text is denoted as underlined text.

Claims 1-73 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. The pending claims were grouped as follows:

- Group I: claims 1-53 and 59-73; and
- Group II: claim 54-58.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, for further prosecution the subject matter of the claims of Group I. As advised by the examiner during the interview, no specific species election is required at this time. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 74 and 75 fall within the scope of the subject matter of Group I as they cover subject matter related to claims 36-44 and 45-53, respectively, which claims are already a part of Group I. Accordingly, applicants request inclusion of claims 74 and 75 in Group I and further request an indication from the examiner that such inclusion has been approved.

Applicants hereby request consideration of this amendment and entry thereof into the record. Early and favorable consideration of claims 1-73 is respectfully requested.

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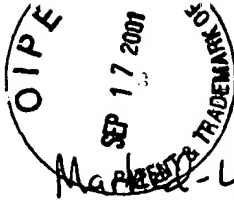
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Marked-Up Version of Claims

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72. The extracted blended meal of claim 71, wherein the pelleted meal is coated with zein protein.

73. The feed ration of claim 18, wherein the pelleted feed ration is coated with zein protein.

74. ~~(Use of)~~ <sup>(Amended)</sup> A method of using a corn meal in an animal feed or human food, wherein the corn meal is obtained after extraction of corn oil from whole kernels of high oil corn. <sup>the method comprising the step of including the corn</sup>

75. ~~(Use of)~~ <sup>(Amended)</sup> A method of using a corn oil in an animal feed or human food, wherein the corn oil is obtained by extraction from whole kernels of high oil corn. <sup>meal in an animal feed or human food.</sup>

the method comprising the step of including the corn oil in an animal feed or human food.

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